

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, shall be entitled to receive respectively, the annual salaries hereinafter set forth and no more, as follows:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calvert County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,500.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Dorchester, Kent, St. Mary's, Harford, Caroline, Somerset, Frederick, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Talbot, Howard, Wicomico and Charles Counties, shall each be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$3,600.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Garrett County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,000.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,200.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$4,800.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Anne Arundel, Washington and Allegany Counties shall each be entitled to receive the annual salaries of \$4,800.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cecil County shall be entitled to receive the annual salary of \$5,000.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties shall each be entitled to receive the annual salaries of \$5,400.

The salary first fixed by the Board of Public Works for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Baltimore City and the salaries fixed by this section for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of the State, shall commence as of the beginning of the term of office of the present incumbents and shall not be increased or decreased during the term of office of any incumbent.

The salaries of the Clerks of Courts shall be payable semi-monthly from the fees, receipts and emoluments of the office, after first deducting therefrom the necessary expenses of the office, including salaries of deputies and clerks, books, stationery, office supplies and other necessary and customary expenses of doing business. If there shall be any excess of the fees, receipts and emoluments of the office in any year, after deduction of expenses and salaries, including that of the Clerk, all such excess shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State. If the fees and receipts of the office shall be insufficient in any year to pay all or any part of the authorized salary of any Clerk, the deficiency shall be paid to the said Clerk by the Comptroller from funds provided for that purpose in the State budget.

The Clerks of Court of Baltimore City and of the several counties shall, respectively, devote their full working time to the duties of their office.